

ALE

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Rationale

- In Ecuador, many years are devoted to teaching English during elementary school, high school and university. However, the results are still ineffective. This proposal presents an eclectic EFL approach according to current ICT development.

Definition

- The Adventure of Learning English (ALE) as EFL consists in considering the learning-teaching process as a shared experience where the teacher invites students to take risks by means of all existing EFL methodologies. ALE takes advantage of ICTs to make the process appealing to students.

Principles

- 1. Every class period is an opportunity to take risks for both teachers and students.
- 2. Lessons are planned based on the diversity of approaches available in EFL.
- 3. Technology, such as data projector, computer and the Internet will be part of the learning-teaching process.
- 4. Positive reinforcement will be used as a way to motivate students.
- 5. Multiple intelligences are taken into consideration.

Theoretical Support

- David Freeman, who considers the learning-teaching process as a shared experience.
- Atkinson, the one who mentions the eclectic method.
- Nick Andon, the professor of the ICT module at King's College London.
- B. F. Skinner, a psychologist, who mentions the importance of reinforcement.
- Howard Gardner, who formulated the theory of multiple intelligences.

Activity

- MI Focus: Mathematical

Fun with Maths

- a. Think of a number from 2 to 9
- b. Multiply the number by 9
- c. Add the two digits together
- d. Subtract 5
- e. Convert the answer into a letter of the alphabet

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

f. Find the name of a European country beginning with that letter

g. Find a four-legged animal beginning with the second letter of that country

h. Think about a typical color for that animal

“A GREY ELEPHANT IN DENMARK !”

Source: Multiple Intelligences in EFL by Herbert Puchta and Mario Rinvoluti